



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Richard W. Strobel
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Examiner : John J. Zimmerman

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Customer No. : 34704

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed November 14, 2003, setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response which expired on February 14, 2004, and which has been extended one (1) additional month to March 14, 2004, amend the above-captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.